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APPLICATIONS OVER A NETWORK

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2007. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from August 4, 2007 to September 4, 2007.